

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE PRIORITIZE A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATE PARK FUTURES COMMITTEE II RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS AND THAT THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR PRESENT FINDINGS FROM THE PERFORMANCE AUDIT TO THE 62ND LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, in response to a legislative performance audit, the bipartisan State Park Futures Committee II was established through executive order in 2001 to review the condition of state parks and explore ways to improve the state park system; and

WHEREAS, the State Park Futures Committee II was charged with considering park fee revenue and funding sources, park resources, statutory park designations, park designations, potential long-term policy changes, distribution of state parks across the state, and other policy considerations; and

WHEREAS, after a very deliberative and comprehensive review, including extensive public involvement, the Committee, in 2003, made 18 recommendations; and

WHEREAS, after 6 years, it is time to evaluate the implementation of those recommendations by the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the Legislative Audit Committee prioritize a performance audit of the implementation of the State Park Futures Committee II recommendations by the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks and that, as part of the performance audit, the Legislative Auditor:

(1) evaluate the effectiveness of the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks in implementing the State Park Futures Committee II recommendations; and

(2) present findings from the performance audit in a readily accessible format for use by the Legislature and any interested parties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the performance audit including any findings,

1 conclusions, comments, or recommendations be reported to the 62nd Legislature.

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